

# NHSC SiteLink

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Uniting Communities in Need  
With Clinicians Who Care

## Dear NHSC Friends:

The NHSC SiteLink is your community connection to up-to-date resources and materials that can help you better serve your communities. It keeps you informed about National Health Service Corps (NHSC) opportunities, program issues, community development, practice tips, health delivery models, and upcoming events. Your questions and feedback are important to us. Please e-mail us at [sitelink@matthewsgroup.com](mailto:sitelink@matthewsgroup.com).

## Important Reminder!

In our last *NHSC SiteLink*, we announced the upcoming national meeting Communities in Action: Pursuing Better Health for More People for Less Cost. Don't miss this opportunity on June 21–23 in Washington, D.C., to join leaders from local communities already developing community-based systems of care and those interested in replicating proven strategies to improve health care access. Communities across the Nation are mobilizing to increase health care access for the uninsured and underserved, and they are succeeding!

By virtue of being a member of the NHSC, your practice plays a leading role in the provision of health care services in local communities. Remember that the NHSC is offering a limited number of travel and hotel expense incentives. For more information, call Chuck Van Anden at (301) 594-4170.

## Interested in Expanding Outreach Programs in Your Community?

The Community Health Worker Evaluation Kit, which is available for purchase from the University of Arizona Rural Health Office, will help you devise the best evaluation tools for measuring outcomes of community health worker programs. This practical and useful resource was developed with input from community health workers and program managers in the field. For more information, please read the attached PDF files. If you have specific questions about the tool kit, contact Eva M. Moya, LMSW, at (915) 351-9099.



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## Developing Stronger Relationships with the National Association of Rural Health Clinics (NARHC)

The NHSC was invited to participate in the NARHC's summer institute on May 18, 2001, in Atlanta, Georgia. Like other organizations, the NARHC membership was unaware of the full range of services and assistance available through the NHSC. The NHSC team welcomed the opportunity to fill in the gaps by engaging in a dialogue on the extent and variety of services offered through the Community Support Branch. Of special interest to the participants were the services provided by NHSC beyond recruitment and retention. One of the more animated information exchanges occurred around the subject of how to develop and implement a discount fee schedule for rural health clinics.

The Community Support Branch focuses its attention on sites that are committed to serving the underserved. For more information about NHSC's assistance and resources, please call the Community Support Branch at (301) 594-4165.

## Another Source of Trained Health Care Professionals

In addition to Scholars and Loan Repayors, the NHSC has available a pool of qualified primary care professionals in a variety of disciplines and specialties who are interested in working with medically underserved populations in both urban and rural areas. These clinicians have contacted the NHSC to express their interest in serving in communities like yours, but they do not necessarily want to participate in the Scholarship or Loan Repayment Programs. For more information, please call the Community Support Branch at (301) 594-4165.

## NHSC Scholarship Program Tax Relief Approved

Beginning January 1, 2002, only the monthly stipend payments made to Scholars under the NHSC Scholarship Program will be taxable. The Tax Relief Reconciliation legislation was approved by Congress on May 26, 2001, and signed into law by the President on Thursday, June 7. For more information, go to [www.bphc.hrsa.gov/nhsc](http://www.bphc.hrsa.gov/nhsc).